



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**

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Mass Times

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday - Friday 9.30am Mass

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st & 4th Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
5 FEBRUARY 2023
RACIAL JUSTICE DAY**

Dear parishioners and dear parents/guardians,

Last year in June we jointly celebrated the feast of our Patron Saint and our parish international day, a wonderful and colourful day of our unity and diversity which was enjoyed by many, a day that brought most of our parishioners together to give thanks to God for the welcoming and open parish we are, here in Forest Hill.

It was decided that we make this day our yearly event, this year it will fall on the feast of Corpus Christi, on Sunday 11th June. The parish liturgy committee and the music group are looking for a wider participation of the community. Therefore, we ask you to please suggest and advise us of any hymn in your language that we can all learn and sing together.

I encourage you to contact us as soon as possible so that we can give it enough time to learn and prepare. Please contact Maria Noronha from the music group, Fr Habte in person or Mary in the parish office, using our parish e mail or telephone number. Many thanks.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Isaiah 58:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

In this Gospel we are encouraged to give witness and to share our faith with others. Jesus uses the illustration of a city on top of a hilltop where everyone can see it as opposed to a light hidden where no one can see it to show us how important it is to witness and share our faith. The way we live our lives and interact with others should show all who meet us that we are people of faith and if our faith is important to us we will naturally want to share our faith with others. LB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

There will be a 2nd Collection today for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in the wider society.

This year on Racial Justice Sunday, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland remember Stephen Lawrence on the 30th anniversary of his death.

All are invited to the Racial Justice Sunday Mass at St George's Cathedral, which will take place at 10am on Sunday 5th February 2023 celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. The Mass will also be live-streamed via the RC Southwark YouTube account:

<https://bit.ly/RJS2023>



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we baptised Shay Marie Louisy.

Many congratulations to Shay and her parents from all at St William of York and welcome to our parish family.

COULD YOU HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11.30am MASS?

We are looking for volunteers to restart Children's liturgy at 11.30 Mass

We can support you with ideas and materials and buddy with you for your first few sessions. You'll need to complete a DBS.

Contact Lola Otiko about what's involved via the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CARRY ON KNITTING?

If you had fun knitting or crocheting angels and would like a new project please come along on **Tuesday 7th February at 2.00pm** to "Knit and natter" in Cafe York.

We will agree and make a start on our next project over tea and biscuits.

Watch this space for more details! Contact Maureen Swift if you want to know more - 0776 5428299. All are welcome!

CAFE YORK REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Marie-Odile would be grateful if anyone who would like to help with refreshments in Cafe York after Sunday Masses. If you can assist, please see Marie-Odile to advise availability or email Cafeyorkswoy@yahoo.co.uk Thank you

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT FOR SOUTH LONDON

It was recently announced that Fr Philip Moger, from Leeds Diocese, will become the new auxiliary Bishop for South London. He has recently worked as the Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. His Episcopal Ordination takes place at our St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London, SE1 6HR, on

Tuesday 21 February at 12.30pm. Refreshments after the Mass.

All are invited to attend, and everyone should be seated by 12 noon.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

This Saturday morning online session on February 18 is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. No personal sharing! Email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

SycamOre is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on February 28. For more details or to register, visit the website: [Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](http://rcaos.org.uk)

CELEBRATE PARENTING FOR FAITH

A new online course for those with babies and toddlers, 5 weeks from February 23 – March 23. 8pm, 45 mins. <https://www.celebratetrust.org>

BLUE CARD - QR CODE

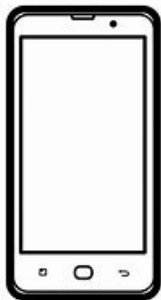
Last weekend we introduced a small business card size blue card that says “St William of York Forest Hill, Weekly offertory Collection” with a QR code.

This card serves two purposes

1. Parishioners who give through weekly/monthly Standing Order can collect it from the narthex at the beginning of Mass and simply drop the card when the collection basket passes by.
2. Every parishioner, including those who contribute through a standing order can collect the card and using the QR code (given that you have the QR code scanner downloaded on your smart phone) can use it for the first or second collection.

We believe this will further facilitate and make your giving easier and help the process of making a planned giving possible.

**Scan the QR code with your phone camera to access the secure Dona parish link to donate for first, second & special collections, crisis fund and mass intentions and please remember to gift aid if you are a UK tax payer as the parish will benefit by an additional 25%. Thank you
If you have any questions, please speak to Mary via the parish email**



FINANCES

JANUARY 2023

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,430.89
Donations for Pax Christi - £323.11
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £253.48
Donations for Fr Habte's Christmas Offering - £707.29
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,378.00

Thank you for your continued support
Please Gift Aid where possible

Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Hannah Janiszewska RIP

Funeral to take place at St William of York
Monday 20 February at 11.45am

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. Amen

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY 2023

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly
become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in
need.

MASS ATTENDEES

14/15 Jan- 337 21/22 Jan - 311 28/29 Jan - 269

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 5 Feb 3pm	Eucharist 1 Session	Church
Sunday 5 Feb 6pm	Confirmation Session 3 (with parents)	Church
Tuesday 7 Feb 2pm	Knitting (and nattering)	Cafe York
Tuesday 7 Feb 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Presbytery
Wednesday 8 Feb 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Saturday 11 Feb 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Racial Justice Day

Saturday 4 February 2023

18:00 Clemencia Charles RIP Birthday

Sunday 5 February 2023

09:30 **Family Mass**

For the Parishioners

11:30 Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP **(live-streamed)**

Monday 6 February 2023 - Sts. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

09:30 Hannah (Rose) Janiszewska RIP

Tuesday 7 February 2023 - Feria

09:30 William & Lucy Brown (FM)

Wednesday 8 February 2023 - St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Day for Victims of Trafficking

09:30 Edward Wilson RIP **(live-streamed)**

Thursday 9 February 2023 - Feria

09:30 Frances Ellis (FM)

Friday 10 February 2023 - St.Scholastica, Virgin

09:30 Herrintta Ihagbedua RIP

Saturday 11 February 2023 - Our Lady of Lourdes

World day for the Sick

10:30 The Bottone Family

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 11 February 2023

18:00 Jimmy Browne RIP

Sunday 12 February 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Rita Tildesley RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/